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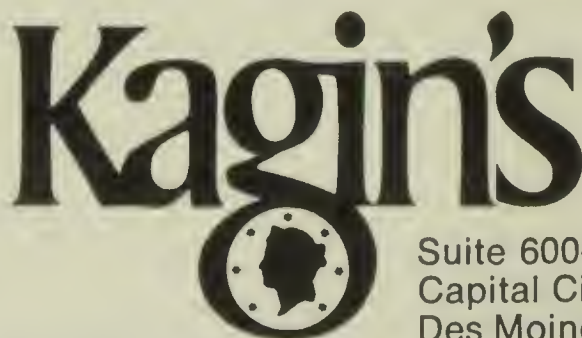
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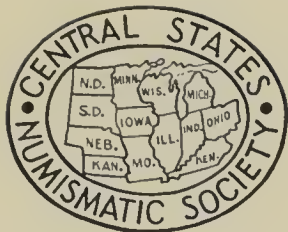
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Brauer's Gold Tops Central States Displays

A type set of U.S. gold coins exhibited by Erwin E. Brauer won the prestigious B. Max Mehl best of show award at the Central States Numismatic Society's 39th Anniversary convention in St. Louis.

Dr. Joseph B. Vacca, exhibit chairman, presented the award to Brauer at the convention banquet, held on the Starlight Roof of the Chase-Park Plaza hotel on May 13.

Named winner of the Julian S. Marks Memorial award for the best paper money exhibit was John Wilson, who displayed Large Size paper money, from 1861 to 1925. Wilson received his award from CSNS Honorary President Lee F. Hewitt.

The Lowell L. Owen Memorial award for the best junior exhibit was presented by Mrs. Marjorie M. Owen, CSNS secretary-treasurer, to Jack Huggins, Jr., for his display of U.S. Peace dollars.

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Bertschy Follows Berk in Central States Helm

A. P. (Del) Bertschy, of Milwaukee, the youngest 82-year-old numismatic leader in the nation, is the new president of Central States Numismatic Society, succeeding Ohioan Harold H. Berk, of Warren, in the top post. He took office May 13 at the CSNS banquet in St. Louis.

Ralph D. Hardman, Jr., Shawnee Mission, Kan., is first vice president; Kurt R. Krueger, second vice president. He is from Kimberly, Wis.

Mrs. Marjorie M. Owen, Adel, Iowa, was renamed secretary-treasurer of the regional organization. John Jay Pittman, American Numismatic Association governor, installed the new officers.

Members of the board of governors include Daniel C. Parker, Michigan; Donald W. Mark, Iowa; Leonard M. Owen, Nebraska; Robert F. Lemke,

(See Officers, Page 13)

ABOUT THE COVER

Mrs. John S. (Bink) Stevenson, chairman of the 1978 St. Louis CSNS convention, was named to receive CSNS' highest honor, the Medal of Merit. The presentation was made by MoM committee chairman, Ray O. Lefman, during the Awards Banquet.



John Wilson (left), winner of the Julian S. Marks Memorial Award for best paper money exhibit, receives his plaque from Honorary CSNS President Lee F. Hewitt.



Named winner of the 1978 Elston G. Bradfield Literary Award was Leonard M. Owen of Omaha.

First, second and third place trophies were awarded in eight different classes. Munzer's display of Morgan dollars won first place. James S. Moore and Robert R. Kutcher tied for second place, with exhibits of Franklin halves and Buffalo nickels, and Albert R. Young was awarded a third-place trophy for his Franklin halves.

Best of show winner Ervin E. Brauer's U.S. gold type set was the only entry in this category to receive a prize of first place.

Ancient specialist Robert R. Kutcher, whose trio of exhibits featured Imperial Roman and Byzantine coins, as well as early Athenian tetradrachms, won a first-place trophy for his efforts.

For foreign coins after 1500, a display of Japanese silver, 1500 to 1860, won first place from Chris Wilken, Jr. Second and third places went to exhibits of Canadian commemorative silver dollars entered by Larry White and Paul Leistritz.

Nancy Wilson's exhibit of U.S. Fractional Currency was named second



Ribbon-cutting time at the CSNS convention in St. Louis, May 12. While convention and CSNS officials watch in background, Marjorie Owen, "Bink" Stevenson, and Harold Berk supervise the cutting.

place winner, right behind her husband's display in paper money, and Samuel W. Johnson Jr.'s "Most Complete Known Collection of Sparta, Ill., and Coulterville, Ill., National Currency" tied for third place with Robert F. Lemke's "Obsolete Bank Notes depicting Slaves at Work."

In the Medals class, an exhibit of Official Inaugural medals of Theodore Roosevelt captured a first-place trophy for Jack D. Huggins Sr. Locally slanted exhibits won second and third prizes, with the former going to Marvin Burnette for his "St. Louis World's Fair Official Award Medals," and the latter a tie for third between James S. Moores' "A Medallic End to A Baseball Era, Busch Stadium, Sportsman's Park," Allen S. Schrock for his silver medals portraying the rulers of Sweden from 1132 to 1751, and Larry Dillon's "America the Beautiful" in antique and proof medals.

Burnette received a first-place tro-



A surprised "Bink" Stevenson accepts the Numismatic Ambassador award from Chester L. Krause, president of Krause Publications. In the foreground is Harold Berk, retiring CSNS President.



Central States exhibit judges Glenn B. Smedley, Virginia Culver and Richard S. Yeoman (left to right) were presented Lamp of Knowledge mementos by Dr. Joseph B. Vacca, exhibits chairman.

phy for his display of St. Louis World's Fair Elongated Coins entered in the miscellaneous class. Erwin Brauer's "Numismatic U.S. Patent Office Medals of the 1880's" won second place, and an exhibit titled "Coins and Christianity" delivered a third-place trophy to Robert R. Kutcher.

The Huggins family dominated the

junior award winners, as Gary E. Huggins took second place, behind his brother Jack, with a U.S. steel cent display, and third place went to Brian Huggins for his Canadian silver dollar type set.

Recognized for their non-competitive exhibits were Eric Newman, Maurice Burgette and Sidney Nuss-



Education forum speakers at the CSNS convention are congratulated by convention officials. From the left, general chairman Bink Stevenson; Daniel C. Parker, chairman-moderator; Joe Franz, George Hatie, speakers; and Missouri Numismatic Society president, Michael Pfefferkorn, convention host.



Past presidents honored at Central States, from the left: Daniel C. Parker, 1974-76; David L. Cooper, 1972-74; George D. Hatie, 1970-72; Ray O. Lefman, 1960-62; Harry X Boosel, 1958-60; and Richard S. Yeoman, 1948-50.

baum. Burgette showed his best of show and best of paper money at the 1977 ANA convention, "Great Rarities of Obsolete Paper Money and Scrip." Eric Newman displayed two cases of unique counterfeit detectors; Nuss-

baum a recent numismatic discovery, the 1829 curl base 2 bust dime.

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— 1979 CSNS Convention Dates —

APRIL 25 - 29

Place: DEARBORN, MICHIGAN



Central States convention chairman, Mrs. John S. "Bink" Stevenson, and new CSNS president, A. P. "Del" Bertschy, accepts the host club Stack's traveling trophy, presented by the New York coin firm family, Stack's, many years ago to CSNS officials.

WINNERS

of Exhibit Competition at C.S.N.S. Convention May 12 - 14, 1978 St. Louis, Missouri

Class 1: U.S. Coins

- First place Orville R. Munzer
"Morgan Silver Dollars, 1878-1921"
Second place (tie) James S. Moores
"U.S. Franklin Half Dollars"
Second Place (tie), Robert R. Kutcher
"Buffalo Nickels"
Third place Albert R. Young
"Franklin Halves"

Class 2: Gold Coins

- First Place Erwin E. Brauer
"Type Set of American Gold Coins"
(Only one entry in this category.)

Class 3: Coins Prior to 1500 A.D.

- First place Robert R. Kutcher
"An Imperial Roman Family"
"Basic Byzantine Denominations"
"Athenian Tetradrachmus,
520-190 B.C."
(Only one exhibitor entered in this
category. He had the above three
exhibits all of which tied in points!)

Class 4: Foreign After 1500 A.D.

- First place Chris Wilken, Jr.
"Japanese Silver, 1500-1860"
Second place Larry White
"Commemorative Coins of
Canada, 1935-1977"
Third place Paul Leistritz
"Canadian Commemorative Silver
Dollars"

Class 5: Paper Money

- First Place John Wilson
"United States Paper Money,
1861-1925, Large Size"
Second place Nancy Wilson
"United States Fractional Currency"

Third place (tie)

- Samuel W. Johnson, Jr.
"The Most Complete Known Collec-
tions of Sparta, Ill., and Coulterville,
Ill., National Currency"
Third place (tie) Robert F. Lemke
"Obsolete U.S. Banknotes Depicting
Slaves at Work."

Class 6: Medals, Medallie Art, Orders & Decorations

- First place Jack D. Huggins, Sr.
"26th U.S. President Theo. Roosevelt
Official Inaugural Medals"
Second place Marvin Burnette
"St. Louis World's Fair Official
Award Medals"
Third place (tie) James S. Moores
"A Medallie End to a Baseball Era:
Sportsman's Park/Baseball
Immortals"
Third place (tie) Allen S. Schrock
"Silver Medals Portraying the Rulers
of Sweden from 1132-1751"
Third place (tie) Larry Dillon
"America, The Beautiful: Eight
Antique & Proof Medals"

Class 7: Miscellaneous

- First place Marvin Burnette
"St. Louis World's Fair
Elongated Coins"
Second place Erwin E. Brauer
"Numismatic U.S. Patent Office
Models of the 1880s"
Third Place Robert R. Kutcher
"Coins and Christianity"

Class 8: Junior

- First place Jack Huggins, Jr.
"United States Peace Dollars"
Second place Gary E. Huggins
"U.S. Steel Cents"
Third place Brian Huggins
"Canadian Silver Dollar
Commemorative Type Set"

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Non-Competitive Exhibitors

- Maurice M. Burgett — "Great Rari-

(See **WINNERS**, Page 7)

Central States Sale

Hits \$500,000 Mark

Over half a million dollars was realized in the sale of U.S. and foreign coins, and currency during the four sessions of Kagin's Golden Anniversary auction held in conjunction with the Central States Numismatic Society convention, May 12-14 in St. Louis, Mo.

Aggressive bidding drove some prices higher than their "Red Book" values. For example, Lot 16, a 1793 Large Cent VG-10 which books at \$525 realized \$1,750. Lot 160, an 1865 three cent nickel Proof-65, realized \$900, well above its catalog price of \$600; and Lot 383, a 1916-D Mercury dime, brought \$3,600, well over the "Red Book" figure of \$1,800. A 1921-D Dime MS-65++ almost doubled its catalog value of \$1,200 by commanding a bid of \$2,300.

An exceptionally strong book could not compete with the active floor bids and thus many lots were hammered down well above their highest mail bid. Lot 265, an 1867-S Seated Liberty half dime in MS-65 opened at \$200 and

was bid up to a final price of \$1,300. An 1878-S quarter found a new owner at \$1,150, up from an opening bid of \$950. Lot 576, a 1932-D quarter which catalogs at \$525, brought the amazing price of \$1,350.

The second session saw 1845-O and 1851 half dollars realize \$1,050 and \$1,000 respectively while an 1892-O Barber half dollar, Lot 745, realized \$1,275. Other Barber halves that exceeded their consignor's expectations were an 1893 Proof 65+ which sold for \$875 and a 1913-D MS-65 at \$580. A 1915 Proof-65 realized \$900 and Lot 776, a 1919-S Liberty Walking half brought \$5,250 in MS 65+ condition.

Silver dollars once again commanded strong floor action. A 1796 Small Eagle EF-40 brought \$1,175, an AU 1798 Large Eagle was hammered down at \$1,150 while Lot 828, 1860-O Seated Liberty dollar MS-60+ was purchased at \$600. In the Morgan dollar series, Lot 888, an 1893/3-CC

(See **SALE**, Page 21)

WINNERS — (From Page 6)

ties of Obsolete U.S. Currency and Scrip."

Eric P. Newman — "A Large Collection of Antique English and American Counterfeit-Detecting Devices for Coins and Paper Money."

Sidney Nussbaum — "One of Two Known Examples of 1828 'Small Date, Curl Base 2' Dime."

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Julian S. Marks Memorial Award (*)
Best Paper Money Exhibit

..... John Wilson

"United States Paper Money,
1861-1925, Large Size"

Lowell L. Owen Memorial Award
Best Junior Exhibit

..... Jack Huggins, Jr.
"United States Peace Dollars"

B. Max Mehl Memorial Award (*)
Best in Show Erwin E. Brauer
"Type Set of American Gold Coins"

*) Julian S. Marks and B. Max Mehl Memorial Awards are provided through the courtesy of the Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Foundation, Inc.

PRESIDENTIAL

COMMENTARY

The 39th Anniversary Convention of Central States in May was another important milestone in the solid development of our organization. While I have not yet seen the financial report, I am sure we will be pleased



A. P. "Del" Bertschy

with the results of the untiring efforts of General Chairman Bernice Stevenson, Dave Cooper and their assistants.

As most of you know, my association with Central States has been one of long standing — since 1940 (38 years). In my opinion this organization is the very essence of numismatics, so I consider it a great honor and privilege to serve you as President. Thank you for electing me.

I would like to express my own thanks as well as that of the entire membership to Harold Berk for his leadership during the past two years. Harold and his Officers and Board have done a fine job in guiding this organization and he should be justly proud of his accomplishments.

You will be pleased to know that George D. Hatie will continue as our legal counsel.

Rollie Finner who has been editor of The Centinel finds it necessary to resign due to the pressure of other business. This is his last issue and we owe him a real debt of thanks for his outstanding work during the past six years. However, it is a pleasure to inform you that future issues will be in the capable hands of Dan Parker.

Last, but not least to be mentioned, is Marjorie Owen, our very competent Secretary-Treasurer, who keeps the Society abreast of all details lest we should forget something. In addition, Marjorie has had the tremendous task of mailing out all the Centinels.

Together with my Officers and Board, I intend to further promote numismatics throughout the entire Central States area. Good progress is already underway and we will continue it. I will expect the Officers and Board Members to attend the business sessions and to give their support to this effort. We will need all the assistance and creative ideas available. Please send your suggestions to us . . . they will be greatly appreciated.

(See **COMMENTARY**, Page 9)

A MESSAGE FROM THE

SECRETARY

Another convention has come and gone — and another terrific job by a hard-working organization: this time the crew from St. Louis. “Bink,” Dave, and all the others involved deserve a hearty “thank you” from us all. There are always problems involved in running a large convention,



Marjorie M. Owen

COMMENTARY — (From Page 8)

Just a note about 1979. The 40th Anniversary Convention will be held next April in Dearborn, Michigan, with Helen Sedo as General Chairman. It is not too early to make your plans to attend.

In closing let me say that I am delighted that you have chosen me and I will give you my best.

— A. P. “DEL” BERTSCHY
President

but the smiling faces and co-operation somehow make the good parts the things that we will remember.

The election results have been tabulated and you will find the list of new officers elsewhere in this issue. I'd like to thank the former Board for being so easy to work with and for being so kind to a “greenhorn” at this job of Secretary. I look forward to more of the same in the next two years. Please refer to the list of Governors and, if you have problems, these are the people who can help you deal with them.

Dan Parker, the new Editor of The Centinel, is no stranger to those of us involved with Central States. He has proven himself a dedicated worker for the betterment of the Society. We wish Dan the very best in his new endeavor. You will be glad to know that Rollie Finner has agreed to assist Dan, and with this kind of team, we will continue to get the fine publication we have come to expect.

I received a well-deserved criticism from Mrs. Bradfield. It seems we neglected to send her a copy of the issue of The Centinel in which the demise of her husband, Elston, our Editor Emeritus, was published. I have tried to rectify the situation, but the copy was returned to me. Apparently I don't have her current address. Can anyone help me out with this? I really feel badly in this regard. Certainly we are all aware of the contributions made to us in our hobby by Mr. Bradfield.

Another fine list of applicants appears following this message. Isn't it

great how the hobby grows? I confess, though, I am disappointed in the number of Junior members. Hopefully, this situation will improve. Bob Dempsey, a member from Florida, has volunteered to work on a program for Juniors. If anybody has any suggestions to help him, I'm sure they

would be welcomed.

The Officers and Board of Governors will be holding its interim meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, in October. It will be a good time to greet old friends and to make new ones!

— MARJORIE M. OWEN
Secretary-Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

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New Member Applicants
Since the Spring, 1978, Issue of THE CENTINEL

3046	Sherry Hakenson	Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
3047	J. Cam Ackley	Minneapolis, Minnesota
3048	Eugene Morris	Forest City, Iowa
3049	Charles E. Wadding, Jr.	Englewood, Ohio
3050	Steve Michaels	Maple Glen, Pennsylvania
3051	Rich Stiles	Fresh Meadows, New York
3052	David Avery	Cambridge, Iowa
5053	Lilly Avery	Cambridge, Iowa
3054-J	Chuck Holt	Ellsworth, Maine
3055	Marlin D. Brendsel	Baltic, South Dakota
3056	Keith Shelton	Johnston City, Illinois
3057	James S. Moores	Collinsville, Illinois
3058	Gene C. Neel	Purchase, New York
3059	Michael C. Annis	Belleville, Michigan
3060	Paul E. Leistritz	St. Louis, Missouri
3061	Steve Ellis	Birmingham, Alabama
3062	Samuel W. Johnson, Jr.	Sparta, Illinois
3063	David Edison	Three Rivers, Michigan
3064	Larry Dillon	St. Louis, Missouri
3065-J	Mike M. Repasky	Boardman, Ohio
3066-J	Danny Yukelson	Beverly Hills, California
3067	Harvey H. Johnson	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3068	Michail Bobian	Muskegon, Michigan
3069	Keokuk Coin Club, Inc.	Keokuk, Iowa
3070	Lee A. Marsh	Keokuk, Iowa
3071	E. C. Brodd	Wahoo, Nebraska
3072	John Vlean	Weston, Nebraska
3073	Ray Plouzek	Lincoln, Nebraska
3074	Samuel A. Whitworth	Lincoln, Nebraska
3075	Michail Aron	Burbank, California

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1963-M (4) 5,042 24.50
1961-M, P (6)
M - 1,506; P - 1,040 57.50
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1967 (5) 5,100\$16.00

Jamaica
1973 (7) 28,405\$21.50

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1957 (4) 1,050\$46.50
1960 (4) 2,100 19.50
1964 (4) 10,000 8.50
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1966 (4) 3,500\$36.50

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1960 (4) 10,000\$ 9.50

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1960 (6) 1,250\$26.50

Malta
1964 (2) 4,000\$13.50
1965 (2) 4,000 13.50

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1973 (7) 8,891 in plastic\$ 9.50

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1953 (8) 7,000 in plastic\$54.50
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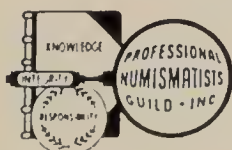
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3079	J. Arthur Wenzel	Cincinnati, Ohio
3080	Barbara Goldfreed	Chicago, Illinois
3081	Chris Christen	St. Louis, Missouri
3082	Fran Mudge	Houston, Texas
3083	Wayne A. Imbrogno	Houston, Texas
3084	Louis J. Schneider	Columbia, Illinois
3085	Donald A. Bonney	Hazelwood, Missouri
3086	D. A. Perry	No. Kansas City, Missouri
3087	John S. Austinson	St. Paul, Minnesota
3088	Don C. Kelly	Oxford, Ohio
3089	Robert B. Knowles	Creve Coeur, Missouri
3090	Al C. Adams, Jr.	Atlanta, Georgia
3091	Marcus J. Daly	St. Louis, Missouri
3092	Gary Ellis	Allegan, Michigan
3093	Ed Marusak	Detroit, Michigan
3094	Robert E. Lynn	Humboldt, Tennessee
3095	Richard A. Phelps	Sussex, Wisconsin
3096	Stanley M. Zurawski, Jr.	Las Vegas, Nevada
3097	Bob Korosec	West Allis, Wisconsin
3098	LaVerne Junkins	Mt. Vernon, Illinois
3099	Edward W. Adomaitis	Angola, Indiana
3100	Helen L. Wallace	Keokuk, Iowa
3101	Elvin Silverman	Independence, Missouri
3102	Robert J. Stehlin	St. Louis, Missouri
3103	James L. McKee	Lincoln, Nebraska
3104	Norman Krizelman	Omaha, Nebraska
3105	Douglas L. Dexter	Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin
3106	James Grady	Omaha, Nebraska
3107-J	Richard Dale Willmeth	Council Bluffs, Iowa
3108	Richard Norton	Nashville, Tennessee
3109	Dennis Mozdzen	Dearborn Heights, Michigan
3110	Merrill S. Kaplan	Flushing, New York
3111	George F. Mosher, Jr.	Johnstown, New York
3112	Robert C. Krueger	Farmington, Michigan
3113-J	Scott Austin	Fort Spring, West Virginia
3114	Pat Johnson	Houston, Texas
3115	Roger P. Bryan	Gainesville, Florida
3116	South Dakota Coin & Stamp Association	Bath, South Dakota
3117	Charles W. Fulker	Bath, South Dakota
3118	Charles E. Hayes	Rolla, Missouri
3119-J	Peter Jordan	Ellsworth, Maine
3120	Ron Gray	Palo Alto, California
3121	Bernard Zerof	Atlanta, Georgia

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Membership Applications —

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3122	Jack Klemes	Amityville, New York
3123	Greg Holloway	Ardmore, Pennsylvania
3124-J	Curtis Johnson	Boulder, Colorado
3125	E. D. Skinner	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3126	Gordon Lowery	Elgin, Illinois
3127	John C. Edwards	LaPorte, Indiana
3128	Wm. L. Drommer	Sioux City, Iowa
3129	Jerry L. Artz	St. Paul, Minnesota



LIFE MEMBERSHIP — Converted from Regular Membership

LM 183	D. M. X. Fretwell	Fort Worth, Texas
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OFFICERS — (From Page 1)

Wisconsin; John Cain, Missouri.

Leon Hendrickson, Indiana; Jack Huggins, Illinois; Orlane D. Kittle, Minnesota; Don Hudson, Indiana; Michael Kolman, Ohio; Tim Marcy, North Dakota; Ray O. Lefman, Missouri and Allen Schrock, Nebraska.

Don D. Squire, Michigan, was appointed to the board to replace Parker who accepted the CSNS editorship of its magazine, **The Centinel**. He replaces Roland W. Finner, Iola, Wis., who resigned the post. Berk will serve in the official family as immediate

past president. George D. Hatie, Detroit, is CSNS legal counsel. He is a former CSNS president and currently serves as vice president of the American Numismatic Association.

Lee F. Hewitt is honorary president of CSNS.

The 1979 CSNS convention is scheduled for Dearborn, Mich., April 25-29 where the new president, Del Bert-schy, will preside. Lincoln, Neb., will be host city in 1980, from April 23 to April 28.

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GOOD LUCK TO YOU!!

—by Gerald E. Johnson

Several years ago the morning mail brought a very heavy mail bid sale, a list that contained over 500 different lots of "good luck" tokens and medallions. The incredible variety of shapes, sizes, metals, legends and symbols was overwhelming, but upon reflection pointed up the heavy influence of superstition on the everyday life of each of us.

Tokenry, of course, is but the tip of this huge iceberg of mankind's fear of the unknown. The word superstition in itself is interesting, a derivative from the Latin "superstare", which was an act of amazement, dread or fear. The belief in talismans goes far back beyond recorded history, but the "Medicine Stone," "Thunderbird," and other effigy pieces of peripheral history by the 18th century had become good luck coins, rabbit's feet,

horse shoes, and four-leafed clovers. The original concept of jewelry was not the ornamental value, but rather the protection afforded by the fetish artifact! Necklaces, nose rings, earrings, finger rings, bracelets, and anklets were dutifully worn and displayed to prevent evil spirits from entering the bodies of the wearers.

Just in case you are thinking that superstition is and was for the ignorant or poorly educated, forget it! Napoleon, Peter the Great, and Abraham Lincoln are but a few of history's bright stars that respected (or feared, if you wish) the unknown. Napoleon in particular had a dread of black cats! The black cat legend stems from medieval times when it was believed the black cat was Satans' favorite disguise.

The origin of unlucky 13 seems to

be in ancient Scandinavian mythology, wherein there were once twelve demi-gods until Loki, the Sinister, worked his way into the group, making the number the dreaded 13. Loki caused the death of Balder, the god of light, and this then was the reason that 13 was considered evil. Most hotels and motels in our experience today omit the room number thirteen, and when you pass upward from floor twelve the next floor is numbered fourteen, a fact that remains today in even the most posh new hotel buildings. A remnant of Roman legend is the spilled salt superstition. When salt was spilled a pinch was taken in the left hand and thrown over the right shoulder. The Romans, however, borrowed this custom from the Eastern cultures where salt in oriental countries was revered by the Gods, and he who spilled it incurred their anger. Salt in this culture was proffered to favored guests as a token of honor and hos-

pitality, and if any grains fell to the ground while it was being offered it was considered an omen of ill luck.

Numismatists are generally familiar with the "bad luck" two-dollar bill, which was unpopular almost from its inception. According to hobby columnist Clem Bailey, the unlucky deuce got its bad rap from a series of events, starting with luckless Alexander Hamilton who was pictured on the 1862 legal tenders and subsequently fell in a duel with Aaron Burr. The use of two-dollar bills by big city politicians to buy votes at election time also added to the bad image of the two note in the late 19th century.

Though in today's scientific age we no longer, as a nation, consult the oracle, or read the steaming entrails of a butchered goat to foretell the future, only a thin veneer of science separates us from our fear of phen-

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JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP THRIVES AT SOUTH DAKOTA CONVENTION

— by Kurt R. Krueger, NLG

In the wee hours of the morning of June 8, I nosed the old Suburban out of the garage and headed for the western horizon. The destination: Pierre, S. D., for the 27th annual convention of the South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association.

The 14-hour jaunt was filled with conversation about the hobby and business. Traveling with me were Mike Tiesling, owner of Mike's Coin Shop in Green Bay, Wis., and Bob Worachek, owner of Avenue Coins in Appleton. A conversation at a local coin club meeting a few months before, had been the birth of this adventure.

The long ribbon of pavement rolled under the loaded tires of 'ol Flowing Hair, the affectionate name of my numismatic buggy. Just beyond the point where the mighty Mississippi River cuts its deep path through the earth at LaCrosse, Wis., the landscape straightens out for endless miles. We commented on the hard-

ships the early pioneers must have encountered as they traveled ever westward in the face of almost endless expanses of rolling prairie. Only where the great Missouri River passes, does the land gain character. To many, this is God's Country.

Just shy of 9 p.m., we arrived at our destination. We secured our booty for the evening, and chatted with several members of the local show committee.

The convention unfolded early Friday morning. One immediately im-

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pressive feature of the event was the vast array of competitive exhibits. In all, nearly 100 cases of numismatic material were laid out for the benefit of the collector and the casual viewer. One particularly interesting display housed more than 50 national bank notes of North and South Dakota. Many great rarities were included in this impressive exhibit.

Another interesting and impressive feature of the exhibition was the number and quality of displays by youngsters. Later, I came to find that this group really encourages participation from its junior membership.

The bourse, while small by some standards, featured 35 dealers. Together, nearly all collecting interests were represented. Five states were represented in the bourse, along with a Canadian dealer.

I noted that many people attended the convention from North Dakota. I

found out that many South Dakota collectors attend the North Dakota conventions as well. The people seemed particularly interested in the educational aspects of the hobby.

One interesting chap, demonstrated a new method of detecting counterfeit Trade dollars to me. He asked about a Trade dollar residing in my case. He asked if he could remove it from the holder. I indicated that he could. He rubbed the rim between his fingers and then brought the coin to his nose. I asked him what he was doing and was rather surprised when he stated that he was checking the authenticity of the coin. I asked if he could tell if a Trade dollar was counterfeit by the smell? He said yes! I then asked him what a counterfeit Trade dollar smelled like! He related that a counterfeit had an oily smell!

He assured me that my coin was genuine and commenced to haggle on the price. Still a bit shaken by this unusual demonstration, I asked if he had been doing this very long. He indicated that he had learned the trick from an old North Dakota merchant in the 1920s. He insisted this gentleman was able to distinguish counterfeit coins with this method to a degree of 100% accuracy. He then related that the old merchant was blind!

I had the opportunity to meet sev-

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eral collectors with whom I had chatted over the phone and had written to over the years. Of particular interest was Marv Jacobson of Mad-dock, N.D. He had traveled down to the convention with Jimmy Gilbertson, another enthusiastic collector. Marv related a tale to me I must repeat: It seems as though one of the finest shows in North Dakota is held in Fargo each January. Marv stated that only one time in 18 years was he unable to negotiate the 200 miles because of driving snow storms, but quickly added that each and every year he made a genuine attempt to attend. This type of enthusiasm seemed to run very high with virtually all of the folks I chatted with during the convention.

Another interesting development during the convention was the Saturday evening banquet. Well over 100 people attended. The local committee closed down the convention for an hour and a half so everyone would have the opportunity to attend.

Past presidents of the association were honored, exhibit awards were announced and special awards for numismatic achievement were presented. Immediately following the presentations, a general membership meeting was held.

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Out in the wide-open spaces, among the rolling grassland, interrupted by only an occasional tree, there exists a group of collectors who have a real feel for the true meaning of the hobby. They take their hobby seriously; they seek information and they are just about the nicest folks I'd ever met. These people are the members of the South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association. I look forward to attending their annual convention many times in the future. Interested parties may write to the S.D.C.S.A. at P.O. Box 10, Bath, S.D.



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Size = Gross Error

— by Clement F. Bailey, NLG

The guy who came up with the line, "Save Your Confederate Money, Boys," was sure right. That is proving to be of more value than the current crop of coins as well as the new idea of a smaller dollar coin.

The personifications of the Democratic Party in Washington is trying to tell the public that a new small-sized dollar coin "will save money." The current "save money" statement by those in Washington has replaced the last popular saying of "motherhood, hot dogs and Fords."

The new small-sized coin is supposed to be a money saver. The only hangups for such a coin is that of design, according to all of the numismatic press and the Treasury Department.

We could make hundreds of hero sandwiches with all of that baloney.

So far the "save money" idea hasn't come through in light of all of the money it will cost.

There is no plan in the works to take care of the old half-dollar or the old-sized dollar coin. The treasury has nothing on hand for either of these coins.

One report has the current sized Eisenhower dollar coin being made for collectors' kits only, with the new dollar coin going into commerce. No word has been received about what to do with the current half-dollar. Do

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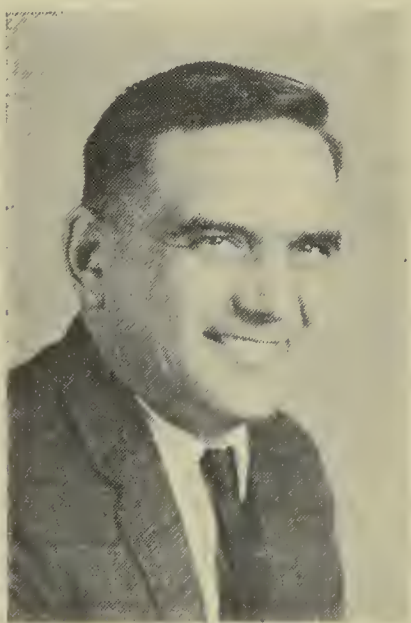
Bailey —

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they get melted, demonetized, or what?

They could continue the half-dollar in circulation, after all, the nickel is larger than the dime. (A bit of thinking taken from the current crop of wizards in the Treasury Department!)

Probably the biggest future mistake of the new dollar coin is its size. Inflation is over our heads like a thunder storm, and the runny-nosed, bare foot kids in Washington have never experienced a depression — when the dime was a large denomination. Changing the dollar with little room, size-wise, between the quarter and the dollar is a gross error.

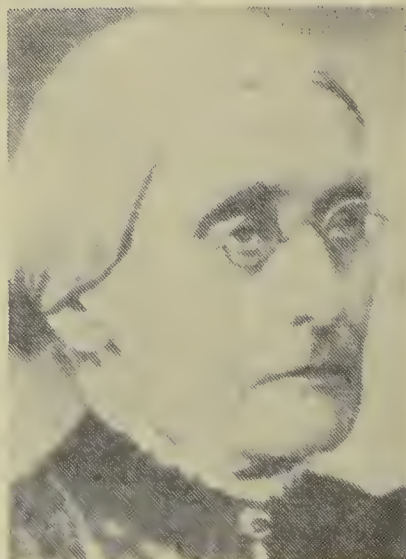


Bailey

Susan B. Anthony is being touted as the new queen of coins . . . a woman being placed on the coinage in order to show the world that we mean business with ERA and that other stuff.

Every picture the treasury has provided for public consumption of Susan B. Anthony appears to have been made in a television studio and posed by Jonathan Winters. Maybe the idea is to appease everyone, especial-

ly those pushing for Elvis Presley, although Jonathan doesn't sing that well.



Susan B. Anthony?
or Jonathan Winters??

Who said the idea was bad? Not the vending industry, not the coin collectors, not the treasury — just a few of the sad sack public who pay for the bureaucratic blunders.

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Sale —

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MS-65 brought \$850, followed by an 1894 MS-65 which saw a bid of \$1,500. Lot 895, an 1895-S MS-65 sold for \$1,500. An 1897-O MS 60++ brought \$550. The Peace dollar series opened with a 1921 MS 65+ that commanded a price of \$575 followed by Lot 933, a 1934-S MS 65+ which went for \$2,950.

The always popular commemoratives saw spirited bidding. Individual commemoratives such as a Hawaii in MS-65 brought \$775, a Hudson in MS-65 at \$385. Lot 970 MS-65 Spanish Trail was purchased at \$475, while Lot 974, an 11-piece gold commemorative set AU to BU realized \$4,300. Highlighting the commemorative series was a 1903 \$1 Jefferson Proof, Lot 975, which brought the price of \$2,500.

U.S. gold realized exceptionally high prices in this Golden Anniversary sale, as represented by gold dollars which saw an AU 1852-C go for \$650, while an 1856-S Type II MS-55 realized \$1,000. An 1857-D AU-50 brought \$1,200 while a MS-60 1875 went for \$4,800. Quarter eagles were spotlighted by a BU 1829 which brought \$9,250. Lot 1031, an 1840-C MS-65 "Finest Known" realized \$4,200, followed by a 1907 Proof 60+ which was purchased for \$1,400.

The stars of the auction were Lots 17, 1056, 1060, 1061, and 1062. Lot 17, a 1793 S-2 Chain America Large cent, realized \$11,000; Lot 1056, a \$3 1872 MS-65+ brought \$4,250 followed by a second \$3 gold piece, the 1886 Proof 65++ which realized \$4,200. Lot 1061, the set of four pattern Stellas brought the price of \$42,500 and Lot 1062, the "Impossible Coin," a \$5 1795 Heraldic Eagle reverse found a floor bidder of \$29,000, after an opening bid of \$11,000.

Other half eagles that saw exceptional prices were the 1796 Capped Bust Right Small Eagle at \$7,500, and an 1804 MS-60+ brought \$3,000. An 1853-C EF-40 realized \$550 while Lot 1088, an 1857-C MS-60+ realized \$1,600, followed by another Charlotte Mint half eagle, the 1858-C AU-50, which brought \$675. Later date half eagles were also in demand as a 1908-S MS-55+ realized \$1,050, a 1909-O/O

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Sale —

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MS-65 at \$2,250 and a 1910-D MS-55+ brought \$400.

Highlighting the selection of eagles was a 1799 AU 50/55 which realized \$2,900 and a 1908 No Motto 60+ brought \$2,000, followed by an exceptional selection of double eagles such as the 1890-CC MS-55+ which realized \$850 and a 1908-S MS-60 which fetched \$1,800.

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omenon. Superstitions reflect an attitude of mind, often as a way of dealing with the changing world. While superstition is less obvious today than in perhaps the last century, hundreds of trinkets bearing clover leaves, swastika-type emblems, horseshoes and slogans are produced each year in our country and abroad. Though perhaps not the pure paganism of past centuries, these "good luck" tokens do remind us that we in truth do not completely control our personal destinies.

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